

Have Your Say

PACT stands for Partners and Communities Together. It gives you the chance to tell your local policing team, local authority and other partner agencies about the issues causing concern within your neighbourhood and which ones you want us to deal with as a priority. Once the community agrees on the top priorities, we'll work together to address them.

As well as asking residents to complete questionnaires and surveys, we also run PACT surgeries at the Festival Drayton Centre, Frogmore Road on the last Wednesday of every month. The surgeries operate on a drop in basis between 10am and 12pm, and members of the local policing team will be present to discuss local issues with you.

Dates of forthcoming surgeries:

- Wednesday 31st March
- Wednesday 28th April

Come along - we want to hear your views!

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PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

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YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM NEWS

Spring 2010

Welcome to the first Market Drayton Local Policing newsletter. We hope it will keep you informed about your local policing team and the work we are involved in.

We are here to deal with the issues you think are important, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and ensure people who commit crime are punished. To do this we work as part of a wider team which includes the local authority, community groups and local residents.

When compared to the previous three months there was a slight rise in crime between October and December 2009, but we are working hard to tackle this increase. Recent projects include a Safe & Secure Home Security campaign. Leaflets offering advice on the simple steps that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of burglary were distributed as part of the campaign, and many residents took advantage of free bicycle security marking.

This newsletter contains information on our work as well as what has been done to tackle the issues you have told us are important.

If you have a concern, contact us directly or come along to one of our Partners and Communities Together (PACT) surgeries, which will be held on the last Wednesday of every month at the Festival Drayton Centre.

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Market Drayton Town

You said ...

We did!



Find out more about our work to tackle the issues that matter to you.

- **You said** ... You were concerned about underage drinking in the town.
- 👍 **We did** ... Extra patrols, confiscating alcohol from under 18s. This has reduced the amount of anti-social behaviour in the area.
- **You said** ... Inconsiderate parking was causing problems outside the town's schools.
- 👍 **We did** ... Regular visits to schools, advising parents about safe and considerate parking. As a result, parking outside schools has become less of a problem.
- **You said** ... You were worried about purse thefts in the town.
- 👍 **We did** ... A local campaign, handing out purse security chains and offering advice to shoppers about keeping their property secure. We have not received any complaints of purse thefts for several months, and people are taking greater care of their valuables while shopping.

Tackling Crime

There has been a slight rise in reported crime for the period between October and December 2009, when compared to the previous three months and the same period in 2008.

Total crime, Oct-Dec 2009	Burglary	Robbery	Vehicle Crime	Violent Crime	Anti-Social Behaviour
208 (196)	33 (14)	0 (0)	29 (21)	33 (38)	63 (83)

The numbers in brackets are for the previous three months.

Officers ran Operation Protect in January to tackle the increase in burglary. Leaflets offering burglary prevention advice were distributed to residents, alongside free bicycle security marking.

A 35 year old man was charged with theft from Iceland and Boots. He was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £85 and £15 compensation to Boots.

Drug dealing is not a huge problem locally, but we are determined to keep on top of it. A man in his 20s was arrested in Dairy Close and admitted cultivation of cannabis (a Class B drug). He received a police caution.

Boy Racers Shown Chequered Flag

Nuisance 'boy racers' are a priority for the police in Market Drayton.

Numerous vehicles have been seized from drivers in recent months and Section 59 warning notices issued to others, which means their vehicles could also be seized if they are stopped a second time.

An 18 year old man was recently arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and the car he was driving seized after police attended an alleged incident in Towers Lawn. He was due to appear before the courts on 24 February.

With the vast majority of complaints concerning anti-social driving on the Towers Lawn and Morrison's Supermarket car parks, some engineering works have also been carried out to help curtail this activity.

PC Powell said: "While we can never completely eradicate this anti-social behaviour, we remain committed to dealing with those who break the law and advising drivers what is and is not acceptable."



ShopWatch

Traders in Market Drayton are already seeing the benefits from a scheme to tackle shoplifting in the town, with the number of thefts dropping since ShopWatch was introduced.

Between October and December 2009, there were 15.5% fewer reports compared to the same period in 2008.

Run by the town's Chamber of Commerce and supported by the police, ShopWatch involves each store and the local policing team having a mobile phone so they can share information about suspicious activity or individuals quickly and efficiently.

PC Martin Powell said: "Although it has only been running for a few weeks, we are already seeing a reduction in the number of thefts from town centre stores.

"We will continue to work closely with shop staff to reduce the impact of retail crime during these difficult economic times."

Did You Know?

In two out of 10 burglaries, thieves get in through an open door or window.